

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule

The recycling pickup for Wednesday, May 21, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.



Diabetes seminar, May 22

The APG Disability Committee will present an educational seminar on diabetes and pre-diabetes May 22 at Top of the Bay Chesapeake Mezzanine at 2 p.m.

Guest speaker Susanne Brown, RN, from the Joslin Diabetes Center at the University of Maryland Medical System, has served as a certified diabetes educator for 14 years and has been with the center for four years. She is a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

The center is one of an elite group of affiliate centers of the world-renowned Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston, which opened in 1898 and has been the nation's premier center for diabetes research, treatment, and education for 100 years.

For more information, call Angie Check, 410-278-1140.

One-day sale price for Lonestar tickets May 17

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting country western band Lonestar, with special guest Trace Adkins at this year's summer concert, Sept. 12.

In conjunction with Armed Forces Day, May 17, concert tickets will be sold at a one-day only special sale price of \$15 at Ripken Stadium and at the Truckload Sale in front of the APG Commissary.

Tickets go on sale May 19 at \$20 per person in advance, and \$25 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site www.apg.mwr.com.

For more information, call Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director, 410-278-4497.

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Community to celebrate freedom on Armed Forces Day



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON
Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, approaches the reviewing stand after arriving in a High Mobility Multi Purpose Wheeled Vehicle for the 2002 Armed Forces Day Parade on W. Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen.

AER campaign continues through May

Marge Fissel

AER

Last year, Army Emergency Relief at Aberdeen Proving Ground provided more than \$220,000 in emergency financial assistance to soldiers, active and retired, and their dependents, USAR and ARNG soldiers on continuous active duty for more than 30 days and their dependents, and surviving spouses and orphans of deceased soldiers. AER also provided financial assistance to other branches of the military through their relief agencies.

The majority of AER financial assistance is provided in the form of interest-free loans. Under extreme circumstances assistance may be given as a grant.

Most requests for assistance are for help with emergency travel, vehicle repairs, initial rent and deposit, food, rent and utilities.

Each AER request is personal and is considered on its own merit. Any emergency must have originated from other than the soldiers own actions.

This year's APG AER campaign goal is \$40,000, far less than what is loaned or given annually. Contributions can be by allotment, check or cash.

The ongoing campaign continues through May 30.

AER administrative expenses (including fund raising expenses) cost only 4 cents per dollar contributed. Ninety-six cents from every dollar contributed is used to help soldiers.

AER receives no money from the government. Funds come from contributions from active-duty and retired military, voluntary donations from civilians, repayment of AER loans and investment income.

Since 1942, AER has helped more than 2.9 million soldiers and their families worldwide with more than \$836 million.

AER is the only organization dedicated solely to helping soldiers and their families in time of emergency financial assistance.

AER will not help with nonessentials such as ordinary leave or vacation, fines or legal expenses, home purchases or improvements, buying, renting, or leasing a vehicle, bad checks, credit card bills, or debt liquidation or consolidation.

All units on the installation have a keyperson responsible for contacting assigned personnel and giving them the opportunity to donate to the campaign.

Anyone needing additional contribution forms or information on the AER campaign should contact the campaign coordinator Maj. Anissa McNeil, or Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Timmons at 410-278-3000.

How to apply for AER assistance

Active duty soldiers assigned to APG can pick up the application for AER assistance (DA Form 1103) at their unit.

Complete information must be provided to include

explanation of why applicant is unable to meet financial needs.

The application then goes to the unit commander or first sergeant to approve and sign.

After the application is

approved by the command, the soldier should bring the application, military ID card, PCS orders, latest end of month Leave and Earnings Statement, and supporting

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USAGAPG

The annual Armed Forces Day celebration will be held on May 17 at 4 p.m. at Ripken Stadium. This year's theme is "A Force for Freedom."

Admission is free and food and beverage sales will benefit the Aberdeen Fire Department and soldier units at APG. Scheduled events include APG vehicle and organizational displays; the Green Beret Parachute Jump Team from Fort Bragg, N.C.; and a fly-over by the Army Maryland National Guard. APG's Morale, Welfare and Recreation will be selling summer concert tickets at a reduced price of \$15 at the event.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m., events include the Armed Forces Color Guard from the Military

District of Washington; the National Anthem; invocation; moment of silence honoring fallen comrades; remarks by Aberdeen Mayor Doug Wilson and a presidential video message.

Entertainment will include the Chapel Hill Music Sensations; Jammin' Country Dancers; Military Youth Corps Freestate ChalleNGe Academy; Hoppin' Hawks Jump Rope Team; Havre de Grace Youth Dance Program; and a second jump by the Green Beret Parachute Jump Team.

From 8 to 9 p.m., Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander, APG, will speak and the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) will perform with the Aberdeen High School Choir.

Fireworks will take place between 9 and 9:30 p.m.

DLES readies for National Police Week observance

APG kicks off air bag, seat belt safety campaign

Maj. Joseph J. Darabasz

DLES

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison's Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security is observing National Police Week 2003 with a push on seatbelt enforcement on the installation. The national campaign for air bag and seat belt safety runs May 19 to 23.

Statistics developed by the National Safety Council have shown that when a driver is buckled, 87 percent of the time children in the same vehicle are restrained. In vehicles where drivers are unbuckled, children are restrained only 24 percent of the time.

In addition, the leading cause of death in the armed forces is motor vehicle accidents.

The enforcement blitz comes as new data shows that more men and women in uniform are killed in traffic

crashes than in combat and training accidents combined.

Vehicle crash deaths among military personnel on and off installations are up from last year - the highest fatality rate for military personnel in the last four years.

Tragically, nearly half of those who failed to wear seat belts might have survived if they had buckled up.

"That's why APG is joining more than 12,000 law enforcement agencies in a nationwide crackdown against seat belt violators," said Robert W. Krauer, APG provost marshal.

With the theme, "Click it, or Ticket," the DLES Police Services Division will intensify seat belt enforcement activities throughout the installation using seat belt checkpoints. Patrols at fixed locations, like the entrance gates, will stop random vehicles to determine seat belt and

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Commissary Awareness Month in May

Bonnie Powell

DECA

Although May 2003 is the second annual Commissary Awareness Month, many of America's armed service members are deployed overseas. Is that like having a party that no one can attend?

"Deployed service members may not need to worry about trips to the commissary, but educating military families and new arrivals about commissary shopping is more important now than ever," said Kaye Kennedy, chief of corporate communications for the Defense Commissary Agency. "Guard and Reserve personnel are being activated in increasing numbers, sometimes losing a higher paying civilian paycheck. The changes can be traumatic, both emotionally and financially."

Normally, Guard and Reserve personnel can shop in the commissary a maximum of 24 days per year. During active duty they receive full military benefits - including unlimited commissary privileges.

"The opportunity to save 30

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Watch card

Do observe and report:

- Unusual or suspicious activity or suspected surveillance.

- Unusual questions or requests for information relating to capabilities, limitations, or operational information.

- Unusual vehicles operating in or around the installation.
- Unusual phone calls, messages, or e-mails.
- Unusual contacts on or off post.

- Unusual aerial activity near or around installation.
- Any possible compromise of sensitive information.

Do not:

- Discuss any aspect of military operations or planning.

- Discuss military capabilities or limitations.

- Discuss force protection measures, capabilities, or posture.

- Disclose any information related to unit deployments.

Report any suspicious activity immediately to DOD Police:

Aberdeen Area 410-306-2222

Edgewood Area 410-436-2222

Off post in Maryland, call 1-800-492-TIPS (8477)

The call may save lives.



Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, center, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, signs the 2003 National Police Week Proclamation during a ceremony at SBCCOM headquarters, May 6. Joining him for the signing are, from left to right, are Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, Maj. Joseph J. Darabasz, chief, Police Services Division, Robert W. Krauer, APG provost marshal, and Joseph Crayton, civilian deputy to the garrison commander.

National Police Week observed this week

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

National Police Week has been observed during the week of May 15 since President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 in 1962. Congress amended the bill as part of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994. Public Law 103-322 directs

that flags in front of government buildings be flown at half-staff on May 15.

The first National Police Officer's Memorial Day Service was held May 15, 1982 in Washington, D.C.

This year's activities in the district include the National Police Survivor's Conference at the Hilton Alexandria at Mark Center in Alexandria, Va., May 14 to 16; the

National Peace Officer's Memorial Day Service at the U.S. Capitol, May 15; and the National Police Challenge-50 Kilometer Relay Race at the U.S. Secret Service Training Center, Laurel, Md., May 16.

The Annual Candlelight Vigil was held May 13.

For more information, visit Web site, <http://www.nationalcops.org/npw.htm>.

EA youths make goodie bags for soldiers

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Before the USO started handing out Care Packages for service members deploying overseas, youths at the Edgewood Area Youth Center were giving goodie bags to Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers departing on Exodus leave.

In December, a group of youths enrolled in Promise Passport, a community service program for the School Age Children of America, presented gift-laden bags to the soldiers of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

Renee Main, school age services program manager, said the youths participate in monthly services projects in which volunteer hours are recorded and certificates of participation are awarded annually.

"The challenge was that we needed about 500 bags," Main said, adding that local merchants and businesses were contacted for donations.

"The children wanted to make the bags then fill them with personal items for the soldiers," Main said.

With the help of parents and staff members, the youths sewed more than 122 cloth bags, the rest were paper bags. Then the items were collected, counted, sorted and placed in the bags,

each with a message card thanking the soldier for helping to keep the world safe and secure.

Main said that the 35 youth participants clocked 3,595 minutes or 59 hours, 55 minutes, of volunteer time along with six middle school volunteers who accumulated 360 minutes, or six hours.

The donations included snack items like candy bars and granola snacks, personal hygiene items like tooth brushes, shower caps, lotion, razors, shampoo, shaving cream, pocket calculators, combs and soap. In addition, the youths added home baked cookies.

The bags were delivered to the soldiers the day before they departed on Exodus leave.

"Everyone involved worked hard to make this special for our soldiers," Main said. "They don't do it for thanks, but it's nice for them to get some recognition."

The EA Youth Center thanked the following merchants for donating to the Goodie Bag project: Sleep Inn & Suites, Comfort Inn, Hampton Inn, Edgewood; Best Western, Edgewood; Spring Hill Suites, Edgewood; BJ's Warehouse Store, Dollar Tree, Bank of America, Freedom Bank, Giant Foods, Mars Market and Aldi's Market.



Photo by RENEE MAIN

From left, Bryana Wyatt, Matthew Brennecke, Jamahl Ralls, Precious Edmondson, Alex'szandria Matthew, and Faith Edmondson parade around a table of treats, stuffing Goodie Bags for the soldiers of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

Deployment News

Exceptions to war trophy policy little known

Spc. Bill Putnam
Army News Service

Some U.S. soldiers are being investigated for illegally sending weapons, or war trophies home from Iraq.

While still under investigation, the recent smuggling case of a soldier allegedly sending gold-plated firearms home from Iraq through the mail is probably an example of commanders and soldiers not understanding the potential value of such trophies, said David Cole, a curator at the Army Center of Military History.

What some soldiers might not know is that it is possible to send weapons home if certain paperwork is filed, said Cole, who also works on Army museum policy at Fort McNair.

Defining the word "war trophy" is a matter of semantics and legality, Cole said.

It wasn't until after the Grenada and the Panama invasions that the Army recognized that most military museums were filled with stuff taken from past battlefields and drafted a policy governing war trophies, Cole said. That policy was first implemented in Operation Desert Storm and continues to this day in places like Kosovo, Afghanistan and, now, Iraq.

In the regulation that governs historical artifacts, AR 870-20, war trophies are defined as something an individual soldier brings home from war — like a helmet, uniform, flag or even a weapon.

An individual soldier buying an item from a market is legal as long as receipts are maintained, Cole said.

"But finding a prayer rug in a bunker during a battle and taking it home is illegal," Cole said.

An infantry battalion collecting something to send home shouldn't confuse it as

a war trophy, Cole said.

"It's federal property," he said.

There are also units called Military History Detachments that collect artifacts to be sent home for research and history, Cole said. And what they do can't be construed as war trophy collection either, said Cole.

"The question is of title," Cole said of the collection of artifacts from a battlefield.

Commanders in the past have issued General Orders banning all trophies because they didn't want to administer all of the paperwork involved, Cole said.

"The problem with that is that some people don't recognize legitimate need for the Army as opposed to hanging it in some dayroom," Cole said.

From the Army's perspective, sending home weapons, like AK-47s and even tanks, has two purposes: historical and scientific.

The items are used by the Army to document and analyze the immediate after effects of a battle or war. Tanks, like Iraqi T-72s or T-55s, were brought home simply to learn "how they fought that war and how they might fight the next one."

By inference, looking at this equipment might show how other countries like Syria, Iran or even North Korea might use it, Cole said.

The current Army policy in place is that a battalion can bring home one weapon, Cole said. Each brigade-level unit is allowed to send home three such weapons, he added.

There isn't a restriction on the number of items like helmets or uniforms that a unit can send, though, Cole added.

A recent example of the Army sending something home comes from Operation Just Cause, the December 1989 invasion

of Panama to depose Manuel Noriega's government. After hostilities ended with the dictator's capture, the Army brought home his gun collection, said Cole.

Assuming it wasn't taken during the mass looting that ensued after Iraq's liberation, the Army could bring home Saddam Hussein's gun collection but not his coin collection because that's cultural, said Cole.

Cole said the big question of when to send something home is if the country is at war. He pointed out the country's involvement in the Balkans in the 1990s.

The country wasn't at war with Bosnia in December 1995. It was the opposite, a peacekeeping mission, Cole said.

Units or individual soldiers couldn't take anything home unless a local farmer gave a unit or individual soldier a weapon with the proper paperwork to show the gift.

Kosovo, however, was a war and trophies could be taken. Anything taken by units would have been protected under international laws like the Geneva and Hague Conventions.

Currently, there is an officer at Army Central Command headquarters that acts as a facilitator for requests for war trophies. That officer forwards those requests to the Department of the Army. If the paperwork meets the guidelines, an approval document is sent down from Department of the Army, said Cole.

He added that the document clears the weapon's passage through customs and it's brought back with the unit's equipment, and it is then noted on the unit's property books.

Once it's on the books, it can't "be passed along to an outgoing CO [commanding officer] simply because he was a

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Gls may suffer psychological symptoms from combat

Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

Mental health experts don't know what combat stress reactions to expect from service members returning from the war in Iraq. And it's not just stress reactions from actual combat, according to Army Dr. (Lt. Col.) Elspeth Cameron Ritchie.

Some could be disturbed or demoralized by stressors from the consequences of combat, such as handling remains of civilians, enemy soldiers or U.S. and allied personnel. Or they could come from dealing with POWs, witnessing homes and villages destroyed by bombings or a number of other battlefield stressors.

"Combat stress reactions, which are psychological reactions to fierce combat or operations other than war, are both physical and psychological," said Ritchie, program director, DoD mental health policy and women's issues for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs. "Physical reactions are things like your hands sweating and trembling and your heart racing, or a need to go to the bathroom a lot."

The psychological reac-

tions include things like anxiety, hypervigilance, difficulty concentrating, or sleeping, irritability and sadness. Ritchie emphasized that combat stress reactions are normal reactions to abnormally stressful or traumatic situations.

However, Ritchie, a psychiatrist, said, "If these reactions go on for long periods of time or get in the way of job performance, it's important to get treatment."

She said soldiers and Marines can recognize in themselves or their buddies the anxiety and irritability that combat stress reactions can cause. "When things get in the way of functioning, that's when a little more help is needed," Ritchie noted.

Some people returning from Operation Iraqi Freedom may not want to talk about what happened for a while, she pointed out.

"But if you notice that one of your loved ones is having difficulty, maybe they're losing their temper a lot, or they are sort of detached and doesn't seem to relate, you should encourage them to seek mental health help," she said.

Even though the extent of psychological reactions service members might have

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Ho Ho Ho -- Mow Mow Mow



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Jolly disposition gets the work done

Displaying his jovial disposition, Dennis Custer, a contractor with Joppa Maintenance Company, cuts grass in an Aberdeen Proving Ground field while wearing a Santa Claus hat. Custer said the hat is his way of having fun on the job. "I enjoy making people smile," Custer said.

Law Day ceremony celebrates freedom

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Focusing on the American ideals of liberty and freedom, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and the Harford County Bar Association held the annual Law Day luncheon at Top of the Bay, May 1.

Col. Jill M. Grant, OSJA, hosted the gathering, welcoming guests and noting the 2003 theme, “Celebrate Your Freedom: Independent Courts Protect Our Liberties.”

“This observance revolves around the importance of law in protecting our democratic way of life,” Grant said.

After the invocation by Maj. Ernest Vermont, Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison chaplain, in which he asked for special blessings on judges, lawyers and those in law enforcement, Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison commander, introduced the guest speaker, James C. Wyda, Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland.

Noting Wyda’s accomplishments, Mark said he was, “well qualified to honor us as our Law Day guest speaker.”

“We are very excited he has taken time to speak with us about his many experiences,” Mark said.

Wyda, remarking he was humbled to speak before a military audience in light of the many service members deployed around the world, noted that the Office of the Public Defender embodies the Sixth Amendment right to counsel.

“No amendment serves so much in the abstract and is observed so little in reality,” Wyda said.

He cited the case of Gideon versus Wainwright, in which accused burglar Clarence Gideon presented a hand-written petition to the U.S. Supreme Court complaining of lack of counsel. Wyda said future Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black granted the petition, agreeing that in a fair trial all parties must be heard.

“The result was that all, regardless of circumstances, be granted counsel,” Wyda said.

He added that the right to counsel is inadequate for too many who languish in jail for months before being appointed counsel.

“The criminal justice system sends an important symbolic message about who we are as a people,” Wyda said, noting that Maryland’s defense system is “healthy, reasonably well funded, with a knowledgeable staff.”

“We are able to attract incredibly talented lawyers who have a sense of our role in the adversarial system and believe lack of wealth doesn’t have to diminish the quality of justice,” he said.

This philosophy was put to the test when the office was assigned the defense of John Mohammed, the accused Beltway Sniper.

“Ironically, the more sensational the client, that’s when we have to be at our best,” Wyda said.

He said the most remarkable aspect of the case is the media presence, and the most challenging was explaining to his children that he was “assigned to defend someone accused of doing terrible things.”

“It helped me get through when my 9-year old said, “Daddy, I’m glad you’re helping him,”” Wyda said.

He added that despite receiving a number of threats, the good had outweighed the bad in support from his colleagues.

“I still can’t get over my high school photo showing up in the Baltimore Sun,” he added.

Noting that the nation is in a different place historically than



Col. Jill M. Grant, right, APG staff judge advocate, gives the closing remarks for the 2003 Law Day Luncheon at Top of the Bay, May 1, as guest speaker, James C. Wyda, Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland, looks on.

it was during World War II, Wyda said the 6th Amendment faces its greatest challenge in the war against terrorism.

“The president has asked that unlawful combatants be handled by military tribunal,” he said, citing an inconsistency in which accused American Taliban fighter, John Walker Lindh, went through civilian courts.

“In times of national security crisis, we’re not always trusting of our civilian courts,” Wyda said.

“If it turns out [unlawful combatants] are represented by JAG lawyers, I’m confident the U.S. military will once again make us proud.”

Grant thanked Wyda for his message, adding that he summarized the role of the defender well.

“Their role is to have those not guilty be found not guilty and to have those guilty treated fairly,” Grant said. “It was nice to have independent judiciary represented. Defense counsel keeps the system honest.”

She thanked the program organizers, Capt. Julie Caruso, 1st Lt. Joseph Owens, Susan Grendahl, Alene Williams, Sandi Williams and Nora Farrell for their hard work in obtaining “an outstanding speaker and presenting such a successful observance.”

Law Day is an annual observance that celebrates the American ideal of fair and impartial judiciary that protects American liberties under state and federal constitutions.

The 2003 Law Day Proclamation, signed by APG commander, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, cites that the observance “provides an opportunity to re-examine how we as a nation want our judiciary to function.”

“As we celebrate Law Day 2003, we restate our commitment to judicial independence as an essential component to the rule of law and our dedication to ensuring fair and impartial judiciary decision making under federal and state constitutions as essential to American democracy, liberty and freedom.”

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From front page
Ground community is invited to attend the Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic 40th Anniversary celebration May 29 at 3 p.m. at KUSAHC. Dr. Rosemary Bonsack, former physician at KUSAHC will be the guest speaker.

HCC summer courses begin May 27

Registration for Harford Community College's Summer 2003 credit courses continues through May 24 in the college's Student Center:
Monday thru Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Students may call HCC's Center for academic advising, 410-836-4301, prior to registering to make an appointment to meet with an academic advisor and plan their semester schedule.
Summer sessions for 2003:
May 27 to June 27 (1st 5-weeks)
May 27 to July 18 (8-weeks)
May 27 to August 1 (10-weeks)
June 30 to August 1 (2nd 5-weeks)
In-person registration for 1st 5-weeks, 8-weeks, and 10-weeks summer sessions will continue through May 24. Students may register for the

2nd 5-week session through June 28.
Payment for summer courses is due at the time of registration.
Registration continues at HCC's Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, Building 3146, Room 11, Raritan Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and alternate Friday's (May 23). For information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516.
Students may also register for courses by mail or FAX through May 24 for 1st 5-weeks, 8-weeks, and 10-weeks, and through June 28 for 2nd 5-weeks.
The college accepts VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Forms and further information are included in the Summer/Fall Schedule of Credit Classes, mailed to all Harford County residences. Students can also access the Schedule of Classes at www.harford.edu.
For more information, call the Registration and Records Office at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

Army Lodging hosts open house June 3

Army Lodging will host an open house at its new office in building E-4903, Edgewood, June 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is invited. Light refreshments will be served

Veterinary clinics during May

The APG Veterinary Treatment Facility will hold clinics during May.
All clinic visits are by appointment only on May 20, 22, 28, and 30, 9 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. and on May 16, 9 a.m. to noon.
The May 17 walk-in clinic (no appointment necessary) for shots and minor grooming will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

For safety, no children under 12 are permitted in the clinic and all pets must be on a leash or in a carrier.
To schedule an appointment, call 410-278-3911 or 4604.
EA chapel closes for renovations
The Edgewood Chapel will be closed for renovations June 1 until Nov. 30, but all programs will continue as usual.
Sunday Masses will be held in the theater section of the Conference Center (across from chapel). Daily masses and Eucharistic services will be held at the Gunpowder Club (formerly Officers Open Mess). The staff offices will be moved to the Gunpowder Club and will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. All telephone numbers will remain the same.
Father John Bauer will be available for counseling on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at his temporary office at the Gunpowder Club.
Beginning in September, CCD classes will be split between the Conference Center and Gunpowder Club.
The only changes are that "Donut Sunday" will not be held during summer months and parish socials and CYOC meetings will be held in Aberdeen.
The parish picnics will be held at CAPA Field on June 1 and Aug 30. For more information call the EA Chapel at 410-436-4107.
NCOA JOB FAIR
The Noncommissioned Officers Association will sponsor a job fair May 21, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Marriott Crystal Gateway, 1700 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Va. All services military personnel, veterans, officer and enlisted are invited

to attend.
An NCOA Mini Resume will be required for admittance. Copies are available at the fair or at the NCOA Web site www.ncoausa.org.
For more information, call the NCOA Veterans Employment Office at 210-653-6161, ext. 222, or visit ncoavea@ncoausa.org.
Companies represented include Amarr Garage Doors 2, American Express Financial Advisors, American Systems Corp., Aramark Servicemaster, Averett University, AVON, BAE Systems, Chesterfield County Police Department, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue, General Dynamics, Helmets to Hardhats, Herndon Police, Military Times, Newport News Police Department, Northrop Grumman, Pentagon Police Department, SAIC, Troops to Teachers, United Marketing Solutions, U.S. Capital Police, U.S. Department of State and Vinnell Corp.

RAB meeting scheduled
The Installation Restoration Program will hold its next monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting on May 29, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Bush River Study Area and the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.
Registration open for UMUC summer courses
Registration is now taking place for the University of Maryland University College

Summer 2003 semester, which begins May 28.
Classes offered on Aberdeen Proving Ground include Instructional Television Courses: BMGT 342, Fundamentals of Building Wealth; CMIS 340, Programming in Java; CMSC 420, Advanced Data Structures and Analysis; COMM 390, Writing for Managers; COMM 394, Business Writing and PSYC 336, Psychology of Women. Additional classes are available through distance education formats.
For assistance or to register, visit the APG office of UMUC in building 3146, or call 410-272-8269 or 410-278-4632.
APG Transportation Office hours
The APG Transportation Office located in building 4302, Boothby Hill Road, will be open Monday through Thursday, 7 to 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 to 4 p.m., and from 12:15 to 4 p.m. on Fridays, except on alternate RDO Fridays when the office will close at 3 p.m.
The telephone number for HHG Inbound Transportation is 410-278-2992, the telephone number for HHG Outbound Transportation is 410-278-3897/4084 and the telephone number for Passenger Travel is 410-278-3858/5695.
The Administrative Offices and TC-ACCIS Office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday (closed on alternate Fridays). The phone number for the Transportation Officer is 410-278-3896 and for the administrative assistant is 410-278-5384. TC-ACCIS is available to all units.
Hours for Badge/ID and Vehicle Registration offices
The hours for all services for the Badge/ID and Vehicle Registration offices at both the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to noon, and 12:30 to 4 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to noon and 12:30 to 3 p.m.
On Fridays following pay-day and all federal holidays, the offices will be closed.
For more information, call 410-306-2381.

Fact of the Week

Composting recycles the nutrients and minerals found in once living things.

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works

Community Notes

**FRIDAY
MAY 16
ACS RELAY FOR LIFE**

The American Cancer Society will hold a Cancer Survivor Relay For Life of Harford at 7 p.m. at the Edgewood High School track. The ACS Relay For Life is a program that includes teams of people camping out at a local high school, park or fairground and taking turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Relays are an overnight event, up to 24 hours in length.

A luminaria service will be held after dark to honor cancer survivors and to remember those who have lost the battle against cancer.

Registration costs \$10 per participant. The registration deadline is May 16, 4 p.m. Payment may be made by credit card or payable by check to the American Cancer Society. For more information, call Suzanne Morfoot, 410-933-5252.

**SATURDAY
MAY 17TH
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
TO SPEAK AT VFW
50TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION**

The Ladies Auxiliary of Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, will hold their 50th Anniversary Celebration at 6 p.m.; dinner will begin at 7 p.m.

The nation's first VFW Ladies Auxiliary African-American National President, Betty Morris, will be the guest speaker.

DJ Bugg will provide the entertainment.

Donations are \$20. For tickets and more information, call Linda Smith 443-857-

8823 or Jackie Pitts 443-655-0202.

**CHILD SAFETY DAY IN
BEL AIR**

The Harford County Highway Safety Committee and State Farm Insurance is sponsoring Child Safety Day at the State Motor Vehicle Administration office on Route 24 and MacPhail Road in Bel Air, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Children will learn about school bus safety from Harford County Public School's Buster the Bus. Certified inspectors will check child safety seats for proper installation. Harford County Sheriff's Office will inspect children's bicycles and helmets, and Upper Chesapeake Health will provide child fingerprinting services.

For more information call Kathy Acquavella, Highway Safety coordinator, at 410-638-4924.

**TUESDAY
MAY 20
ASIAN-PACIFIC
SPECIALTY MEAL**

The annual Asian-Pacific Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, 5:30 to 7 p.m. All military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited.

The standard meal rate of \$3.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, Department of Defense civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.80 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Asian-Pacific Specialty Month menu includes egg drop soup, egg rolls,

Chinese roast pork, Asian style meatloaf, baked Asian style honey chicken, beef and brocolli, beef bulgogi, pancit, fried rice, steamed rice, stir fried vegetables, fried cabbage, cucumber kimchi, cucumber sunomo, fruit ambrosia, almond and fortune cookies, pineapple upsidedown cake, assorted breads, soft serve ice cream and assorted beverages.

Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1392/1393/1398/1397.

**THURSDAY
MAY 22
ASMC MEMBERSHIP
LUNCHEON**

The American Society of Military Comptrollers, Chesapeake Chapter, will host a membership luncheon, 11:30 a.m. at Giovanni's Restaurant, Edgewood. The guest speaker will be John Guzzanato, director, Defense Finance and Accounting Services, Rock Island.

The menu is buffet style and costs \$14 for members, \$15 for non-members. There also will be a 50-50 raffle. R.S.V.P. by May 20. For more information, call an ASMC representative.

**SATURDAY
MAY 24
MCSC HOT DOG SALE**

The Military and Civilian Spouses Club will hold a fundraiser, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the APG Commissary. Hot dogs, chips and soda will be on sale for \$1.50.

For more information, call 410-272-6712, or visit Web site www.apgmcsc.org.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50, building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard. To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.

WHAT A GIRL WANTS

Friday, May 16, 7 p.m.
Starring: Amanda Bynes, Colin Firth

Daphne, a spirited young American girl, travels to London in search of her long lost father, an influential aristocratic politician. As Daphne attempts to prove that love can conquer all, her impulsive behavior creates an uproar in high society, where her unique style threatens to undermine the relationship she has waited her whole life to

experience. (Rated PG)

CHICAGO

FREE ADMISSION

Saturday, May 17, 7 p.m.

Starring: Renee Zellweger, Catherine Zeta-Jones

Based on the award winning musical, Roxie's one wish is to follow in the golden footsteps of vaudeville performer Velma Kelly. Roxie gets her wish but some very wrong steps land both the star and starlet in prison for separate

murder charges. (Rated PG13)

A MAN APART

Saturday, May 17, 9 p.m.

Starring: Vin Diesel, Larenz Tate

A mysterious man known only as Diablo takes over a powerful drug cartel when the former boss goes to prison. That former drug lord then teams up with a DEA agent and his partner to try to take down Diablo. (Rated R)

Three retire in April ceremony

Story and photo by
E.C. Starnes
OC&S

More than three quarters of a century of service was celebrated April 30 as three Aberdeen Proving Ground members were honored in the monthly retirement ceremony at Ordnance Circle.

Retiring were Master Sgt. Vincent McDowell, U.S. Army Ordnance Mechanical Maintenance School; M. Louise Ewing, U.S. Army Developmental Test Command; and Bonnie S. Bromley, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

Col. Kone Brugh, deputy commander and chief of staff of the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools, noted that each of the retirees had contributed to the Army in his or her own unique way.

“Each has been a significant contributor in their fields of expertise to our Army and our nation,” he said. “Today we pay tribute as we owe them a debt of gratitude for their service, for their devotion to duty, and to their determination and desire to make Aberdeen Proving Ground and their respective commands better places to live and work.”

He also thanked the families of the retirees.

“Our retirees don’t stand alone here today. Just as during their careers, our retirees are supported by family and friends, providing them the strength and support that enabled them to achieve their goals and share in the pride of their service to our nation.”

Brugh concluded with remarks directed at the retirees.

“The time has come to move forward with new goals. Good luck and God speed as you continue life’s journey.”

He was joined by Command Sgt. Maj. Manuel Torres, 61st Ordnance Brigade Command



From left, Master Sgt Vincent McDowell, his wife, Thyatrea, M. Louise Ewing, and Bonnie S. Bromley and her husband, Donny, stand to review the troops during the retirement ceremony at Ordnance Circle, April 30.

Sergeant Major; Chaplain (Maj.) Anthony Montague; the 61st Ordnance Brigade Color Guard; and soldiers from the 143rd Ordnance Battalion in saluting the retirees.

Master Sgt. Vincent McDowell

Master Sgt. Vincent McDowell was born in Lexa, Ark., on Sept. 15, 1956. He graduated from Central High School in Helena, Ark., and enlisted in the U.S. Army in May 1977.

He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Advanced Individual Training as a wheel vehicle mechanic at APG. He served four tours of duty overseas, to include Germany and Bosnia, as well as Hawaii.

During his career he has held a wide range of leadership and technical positions to include squad leader, platoon sergeant, non-commissioned officer in charge of training, and first sergeant. He culminates his 26-year career as the Weapons/Metalworking Department Sergeant Major.

His schooling includes the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course, First Sergeant’s School, the Commander’s Course and numerous professional development courses.

McDowell’s awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, six Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, the Army Superior Unit Award, the Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 5, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional

Development Ribbon with numeral 4, and the Good Conduct Medal.

He was presented with the Legion of Merit, as well as a Certificate of Appreciation and a Certificate of Retirement.

His wife, Thyatrea, received a Certificate of Appreciation.

M. Louise Ewing

She began her federal career at Bainbridge Naval Training Center in 1974 with the Naval Reserve Manpower Center in the Department of Record Maintenance.

In 1976, she was hired as a one-year temporary at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School where she worked in the Copy Preparation Branch, the Administrative Services Branch, the Civilian Liaison Office and the Protocol Office.

In 1982, Ewing went to work in the Budget Office at APG. She accepted a position in the U.S. Army Test and Evaluation Command’s Budget Office in 1982 and became a local intern. She transferred to the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center in 1985 to complete her internship.

She returned to TECOM, now the U.S. Army Developmental Test Center, in 1987 and finished out her career in the Resource Management Budget Office.

Ewing has completed numerous government-sponsored courses in finance, personnel and leadership, as well as college accounting courses. She has been a member of the American Society of Military Comptrollers for 20 years.

Her awards include the Department of the Army

Certificate of Achievement for Meritorious Service, numerous Special Act Awards, a monetary suggestion award, the Department of the Army Commander’s Award, and the TECOM Professional Award.

During the retirement ceremony she was presented the Superior Civilian Service Award and a Certificate of Retirement.

Bonnie S. Bromley

Bonnie S. Bromley was born in Charleston, W. Va., and moved to Harford County with her parents in 1954.

A 1960 graduate of Bel Air High School, her education includes courses at Harford Community College as well as 320 credit hours of specialized training in government courses related to her job as environmental coordinator for the Engineering Directorate, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

As environmental coordinator, Bromley was responsible for preparing the budget and maintaining 75 facilities in compliance with state and federal environmental and safety regulations.

She has received numerous awards during her career, including command and performance awards, various commendations and letters of appreciation.

Bromley was presented a Certificate of Retirement and a Certificate of Appreciation.

Her husband, Donny, also received a Certificate of Appreciation.

Couretsy of DSHE

(From left) Lead motorcyclists Sgt. 1st Class Andre McCaskill and Maj. Brandon Grubbs listen as Jeff Nickel, instructor, Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, gives directions to a group of military and civilian cyclists during the Motorcycle Safety Foundation operators training course held on Aberdeen Proving Ground, April 30, in the Ordnance Center and Schools' parking lot.



Motorcyclists get training on APG

Sonya P. Reynolds
APG News

To ensure that operators of privately owned motorcycles on Army installations are in compliance with Army Regulation 385-55, Prevention of Motor Vehicle Accidents and Department of Defense, Instruction 6055.4 Traffic Safety Program, Aberdeen Proving Ground held the first Motorcycle Safety Foundation Operators Training Course, at the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools parking lot April 30.

Sponsored by the Installation Safety Division with instructors provided by the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, it was designed to help sharpen cyclist's riding skills and help prevent motorcycle accidents involving Army personnel.

MSF training will be available month-

ly to APG personnel with the exception of the winter months.

"It is a government requirement that all Army and civilian personnel take an operators training course to be eligible to ride motorcycles on any Army installation," said Randy Rexrode, safety and occupational health specialist, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment.

The five-hour class is provided at no cost to military and DOD civilian personnel, and attendees are not charged leave while attending the training.

Motorcyclists who have already taken the course and can provide proof do not have to repeat the training.

Any personnel who have not had the training will not be allowed to register their motorcycles.

According to Rexrode, there are several requirements to consider when con-

templating taking the MSF course

"Attendee must be a licensed motorcyclist who has been riding for a minimum of one year. Cyclist must wear protective clothing to include eye protection, long sleeved shirt, long pants, full-fingered gloves, over-the ankle footwear and a helmet," Rexrode said. "Riders must bring proof of insurance, and their motorcycle must be able to pass an inspection performed by the instructor. Cyclists must be available to attend 100 percent of the course."

Rexrode offered thanks to Directorate of Installation Operations for helping set up the parking lot for the training.

Anyone interested in improving their riding skills and fine-tuning driving strategies should contact Rexrode at 410-306-1098 for future class schedules.

APGFCU expands membership

Amy Sweet
APGFCU

Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union, Harford and Cecil County's largest credit union, has announced a major expansion of its membership. APGFCU can now offer its wide variety of financial services to anyone who lives, works, worships, or goes to school in Harford or Cecil counties.

President/CEO Don Lewis, and APGFCU Chairman David Gilbert stressed that APG is critically important to the long-term future of the credit union.

"APG gave us support from our beginnings 65 years ago and we will always look to give exceptional service to our members from the military and civilian ranks at APG," Gilbert said.

"Our credit union has always emphasized the importance of serving people - building their wealth, building their financial stability, and building their knowledge of sound financial management. This new horizon allows us to reach out to all residents and employees in the Harford/Cecil community and share the benefits of 'banking' with the credit union differ-

ence," Lewis said.

APGFCU, with assets in excess of \$490 million, has branch offices in Bel Air, Aberdeen, Edgewood, Havre de Grace, Abingdon, Elkton, and on the proving ground. With more than 72,000 members, APGFCU offers mortgages, car loans, credit cards, and a wide variety of savings, loan, and checking services.

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Morale, Recreation & Welfare

Activities

Armed Forces Day concert sale

Lonestar tickets will be available for a special one-day sale price of \$15 at Ripken Stadium May 17, 4 to 9:30 p.m. There will also be give aways, contests, a 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) concert and fireworks.

Lonestar and Trace Adkins will perform on Sept. 12 at APG. For more information, contact Gwen Meadows at 410-278-4497, e-mail gwen.meadows-usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to the short game

Learn how to improve the short game in this one-hour group lesson that teaches club selection and stroke.

Class will be held at Exton Golf Course on May 28, 5 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$15. Register by May 21.

For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger-usag.apg.army.mil.

Link up to golf orientation

This new program is rapidly becoming known as America's "Welcome to golf" program. With the support of the PGA of America, the NGCOA, LPGA, PGA Tour, and USAG, Link up 2 golf features several elements to help new and returning players enjoy the game as never before. The program includes an orientation, where golfers can learn more about the

clinics and on-course experiences, and meet the PGA golf professionals and staff. Orientations are intended to make new golfers more comfortable with the concept of taking up the game and all that it entails. June sessions are: June 5, 6 p.m.; June 7, 2 p.m.; and June 8, 3 p.m.

Fees are E1 to E5, \$99; E6 to O3, \$109; O4 to civilian employee, \$119; and the public, \$139. All sessions are held at Ruggles Golf Course.

For more information, contact Tom Green at 410-278-9452 or e-mail tom.green-usag.apg.army.mil.

Yankees vs. Mets

Tickets are available to see the "House that Babe Ruth Built" and watch one of the greatest games in the subway series, June 28, 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. at Yankee Stadium. Cost is \$81. Register by June 14. For more information, contact Stacie Umbarger at 410-278-3931 or e-mail stacie.umbarger-usag.apg.army.mil.

Lunchtime volleyball league

Competitive volleyball will be held every Tuesday during lunch. Teams are formed weekly at the Russell Gym, May 20 through July 8, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register by May 16. Cost is \$20.

For more information, contact Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929 or e-mail donna.coyne-usag.apg.army.mil.

Introduction to camping

The course covers all facets of camping from safety guidelines dealing with

the terrain and environment to precautions to take under adverse weather conditions. Learn what types of food and supplies to take, and how to set up and maintain a campsite. The class will be held May 17 at Skipper's Point Campsite, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$15 for families. Register by May 15. For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail him at charles.heinsohn-usag.apg.army.mil.

Horse care and stable management

The class teaches how to care for a horse and include grooming, feeding, foot care, saddle and bridal training, safety procedures, stall preparation, pasture and horse management, and what to consider when purchasing a horse. Class will be held May 17 to 24 at APG Saddle Club, 10 to 11 a.m. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$25 for families. Register by May 15. For more information, contact Charles Heinsohn at 410-278-3868 or e-mail charles.heinsohn-usag.apg.army.mil.

Library access

APG Library now has a card catalog available online at www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html. The catalog contains all information from the Edgewood and Aberdeen area libraries. For more information, contact Dan Norum at 410-278-3417 or e-mail him at dan.norum-usag.apg.army.mil.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Edgewood Area library is open Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

The APG MWR Library has many books and videos on the history of the United States Armed Forces and the men and women who have served their country.



Homefront: a Military City and the American 20th Century by Catherine Lutz

This is a look at Fayetteville, N.C., home to Fort Bragg, the largest U.S. Army base, and the effects of the base on the total life of the community.



Medal of Honor: Profiles of America's Military Heroes from the Civil War to the Present by Allen Mikaelian

Duty First: West Point and the Making of American Leaders by Ed Ruggero



Honoring Sergeant Carter: Redeeming a Black World War II Hero's Legacy by Allene G. Carter

In Defense of a Nation: Servicewomen in World War II by Major General Jeanne M. Holm



There's a War to Be Won: the United States Army in World War II by Geoffrey Perret

Free a Man to Fight: Women Soldiers of World War II (videocassette)

African American Recipients of the Medal of Honor by Charles W. Hanna

The library's collection can be accessed at www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html. Select the button: ONLINE CATALOG AND PATRON SERVICES. There are more than 200 titles under the subject "United States military."

MWR holds one-day reduced price ticket sale for 2003 concert

Aberdeen Proving Ground Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting country western band Lonestar, with special guest Trace Adkins at this year's summer concert on Sept. 12.

In conjunction with Armed Forces Day, concert tickets will be sold on a one-day only special sale price of \$15 on May 17 at Ripken Stadium and at the Truckload Sale in front

of the Commissary.

Tickets go on sale May 19 at \$20 per person in advance, and \$25 at the gate. Tickets can be purchased from the Hoyle Fitness Center, MWR Registration in building 3326, Ticketmaster, or at the MWR Web site www.apg.mwr.com.

For more information, call Gwen Meadows, MWR marketing director, 410-278-4497.

Olympic Pool delays opening

The Olympic Pool will not open until mid-July due to the construction of the new bathhouse. See next week's APG News for detailed information on pool openings, swim lessons, pass information and daily fees, or visit www.apgmwr.com for the information.

Junior golf classes

Youth Services will offer junior golf classes June 23 to Aug. 6 at Exton Golf Course. Classes will be held 8 to 9 a.m. for ages 7 to 10 and 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 11 to 14 on Monday and Wednesday.

Registration by appointment only is available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday until May 19, at building 2752.

Intensified Junior Camps will be offered 2 to 5 p.m. (to be announced). If interested, call Tom Green, 410-278-9452, or e-mail Tom.Green-usag.apg.army.mil.

The fee for registration is \$55 for eligible military, DoD civilian and retired personnel; the fee for non-eligible personnel is \$60. All participants must be current Child and Youth Services members.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297, or e-mail William.Kegley-usag.apg.army.mil. For a daytime registration appointment, call Christina Keithley, 410-278-7571, or e-mail Christina.Keithley-usag.apg.army.mil.

Tennis classes for youths

Tennis classes for youths ages 7 and up will be held every Friday, 8 to 10 a.m., June 27 through Aug. 8 at the tennis courts located behind the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. The cost is \$40, with a 10 percent discount for additional sibling(s).

All youths must be current members of the Youth Center. Registration will be held through May 19 by appointment only.

For registration or more information, call Christina Keithley, 410-278-7571, or e-mail her at Christina.Keithley-usag.apg.army.mil.

APG SCHOOL LIAISON

APGYOUTH OF THE YEAR

The first phase deadline draws near for teens to complete their application and compete for teen leadership honors as the APGYouth of the Year. Anyone who is not a member of a youth center on post should see Catherine Hanlon, Edgewood Youth Center, building E-1902, or Angela Shannon, Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 to pick up an application. Deadline is May 30.

APG 'KIDS' CHESS

This after-school youth center based program will end the week of June 9 in conjunction with the end of the school year. Summer chess will be offered once a week for elementary and middle school aged children as part of the Summer Program at each youth center. APG KIDS

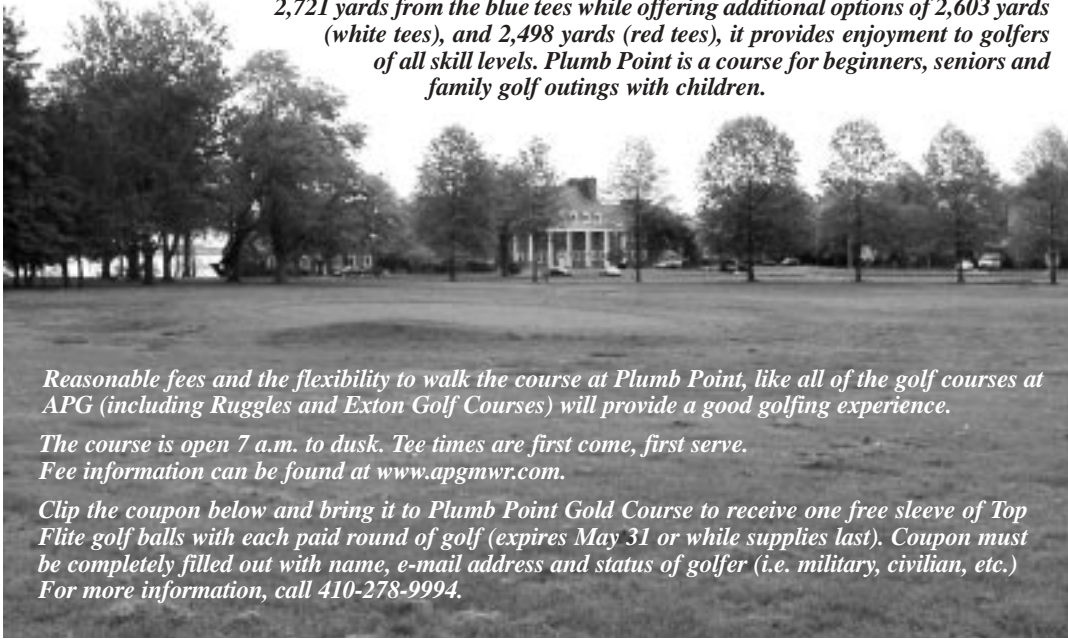
CHESS will resume in September when children return to school. For more information, call Ivan Mehosky at 410-278-2857.

WANTED: YOUTH CHESS PLAYERS AT APG

'Mr. Ivan' is seeking information on how many youths, grades first through 12, know how to play chess, or are interested in learning the fundamentals of the game. The purpose of this research is to determine the number of children who would be interested in joining an after-school chess club or would be willing to provide tips and other valuable information for children who play at home. To help support this effort, contact 'Mr. Ivan' at 410-278-2857 or e-mail ivan.mehosky-usag.apg.army.mil.

Plumb Point reopens May 17

This nine-hole executive layout is relatively flat with sparsely treed fairways combined with small greens and will provide a fun and enjoyable golf experience. Measuring almost 2,721 yards from the blue tees while offering additional options of 2,603 yards (white tees), and 2,498 yards (red tees), it provides enjoyment to golfers of all skill levels. Plumb Point is a course for beginners, seniors and family golf outings with children.



Reasonable fees and the flexibility to walk the course at Plumb Point, like all of the golf courses at APG (including Ruggles and Exton Golf Courses) will provide a good golfing experience.

The course is open 7 a.m. to dusk. Tee times are first come, first serve. Fee information can be found at www.apgmwr.com.

Clip the coupon below and bring it to Plumb Point Gold Course to receive one free sleeve of Top Flite golf balls with each paid round of golf (expires May 31 or while supplies last). Coupon must be completely filled out with name, e-mail address and status of golfer (i.e. military, civilian, etc.) For more information, call 410-278-9994.

Do you want Free golf balls?

Expires May 31, 2003



Name: _____
E-mail: _____



Please check one: ☐ Military Beneficiary

☐ DoD Civilian

☐ Other

Turn this in at the Plumb Point Pro Shop to receive your FREE sleeve of golf balls with each paid round. (While supplies last)

Joining the boat club

The Spesutia Island Boating Activity is accepting applications for the 2003 season. Membership is open to active duty military, full time Army National Guard, retired military, APG DoD/Nonappropriated Fund civilian employees, retired APG DA civilians, and long term contractors with government ID card.

Membership requirements include performance of eight hours of work and standing assigned security watches. Members must provide proof of identification, boat registration and liability insurance.

Costs are:

- moored boat with parking lot space for trailer is \$19 per foot
- moored boat (only) is \$11 per foot
- boat on trailer in parking lot space is \$8 per foot
- ramp access (only) is \$7.50 per foot

Applications can be picked up at the SIBA Club house, building 36 or at Outdoor Recreation.

For more information, call 410-278-4124.



Photo by ELLEN Y. STROMDAHL

During a work detail at the Spesutia Boating Activity, members, from left, Tyler Leavens, Gary Leavans, Jim Tardiff and Ed Baur, guide a dock section after it was launched in the water at the ramp after clearing debris from the water at the ramp.

Assistance

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documents such as rental agreement, written estimate of car repairs, or utility bill to the AER office.

It is very important that soldiers ensure their spouse knows about AER and that they give their spouse a power of attorney before deploying.

The only way AER can assist families needing help without a general power of attorney is to get the service member’s authorization. This means that the spouse has to send a message through the Red Cross to the service member to ask for his approval. AER can only assist after approval has been received. All that takes time and delays assistance to families needing help.

The spouse should also bring a military ID card, copy of service member’s orders, and all supporting documents when visiting the AER office.

Retirees and widows can request help by calling the AER office at 410-278-2508.

The AER office is located in Army Community Service, at 2754 Rodman Road.

AER emergencies that arise after normal duty hours and cannot wait until the next business day (usually emergency travel) can get assistance by calling the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command Emergency Operations Center at 410-278-4500.

War stress

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from Iraq is unknown, Ritchie said, “What we may see is people who are repeatedly seeing the images of battle.

She pointed out that there’s a lot of overlap between combat stress and the stress of everyday activity. “What differentiates combat stress is usually the intensity of

what has happened,” the doctor noted. “Sometimes you’ll have repeated memories and intrusive thoughts focusing on what happened.”

Long-term reactions to combat stress could lead to post traumatic stress disorder, she noted. “By definition, PTSD is supposed to happen a month or more after the event,”

Ritchie said. “There can be some similarities in the symptoms of combat stress and PTSD - nightmares, insomnia, anxiety, numbness, hypervigilance and intrusive thoughts.”

Some service members may only have some symptoms of PTSD and by difficulty functioning. Some people maybe troubled by an occasional nightmare, which isn’t classified as PTSD.

“But other folks might feel that they’re so scared that they can’t get to work,” she said. “That is a problem and we want them to seek treatment.”

However, she said some of these reactions are common; therefore, she doesn’t advocate necessarily seeking treatment immediately. “However, if the symptoms keep going on, such as nightmares night after night, they should seek help,” Ritchie said.

Some healthcare providers and family members make the common mistake of encouraging people to talk about everything that happened before the patient is ready to talk, Ritchie noted. “I wouldn’t push the returning soldier or Marine to talk about what happened right away,” she said. “But I would be there for him or her when he or she is ready to talk.”

There’s also concern about service member’s reactions to changed family situations. Those returning from the battlefield often envision everything at home is going to be perfect, like a flawless honeymoon. But often things are a little bit different, Ritchie said.

She said, “The kids may have grown. They may not respect authority in the same way. The spouse may have more independence. He or she may have needed to make some decisions that the soldier or Marine weren’t part of. So often there is some friction when the soldier or Marine gets home.

“Families should expect a little bit of friction so it doesn’t spook them,” she emphasized. “So they don’t think, ‘Oh, no! My marriage is coming apart!’ It’s part of the reintegration process.”

Modern day transportation plays a major role in creating the problem, she noted. “In World War I and World War II and Korea, people came home by ship that took two or three weeks,” Ritchie said. “They had a chance to get rested and talk to their unit about what had happened and prepare to reintegrate with the family.

“Nowadays, people have been on the battlefield one day and maybe at home or the shopping mall in a day or two. That reintegration is just a little bit too fast. In some cases, it could be jarring.”

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nice guy,” Cole said.

Individual soldiers sending weapons home is a different matter, Cole said. Before 1968, soldiers could send weapons home without much of a problem, Cole said. That year Congress passed the 1968 Gun Control Act, which, among other things, made it illegal to send weapons through the mail.

It also created a weapons registry and tax a gun owner would have to pay on that weapon, Cole said.

The Department of the Treasury administered the registry and eventually closed it, making it impossible to register and pay the tax, thus making the weapons illegal to own, Cole said.

There are exceptions to the act, said Cole.

Army regulations state there are weapons a soldier can

send home legally. A 35th Signal Brigade soldier sending an 1856 Musketoon rifle home from Afghanistan last year is a case in point.

Because the weapon was made before 1898, it was an exception to the long list of banned weapons on the 1968 Gun Control Act’s list. Not only was it made before 1898, the soldier also filled out the proper paperwork to bring it home.

“The key there is that he bought it,” Cole said. “It wasn’t something he took from somewhere.”

Those gold-plated weapons from Iraq were sent home illegally, Cole said. That soldier will face Uniform Code of Military Justice charges if it is proven that he sent those weapons home.

“A gold-plated weapon or knife wouldn’t be worth my career,” Cole said. “To say the least, the legality of all this is complicated.”

Sports

Sports shorts

All Army Sports applications

Applications for the following All Army Sports can be picked up at the Sports Office, building 3330, the Athletic Center or Hoyle Gym. Applications must be turned in by the deadline date to be considered. For more information, call Donna Coyne at 410-278-3929.

Men's Softball	May 21
Women's Softball	June 1
Men's Rugby	July 15
Marathon	July 23
Golf, Men/Women	July 30

Intramural softball

Letters of intent for intramural softball are due during the rules clinic at Russell Gym, May 14, 2 p.m.

Free access to fitness centers available to military personnel

Active duty military and their family members, retired military and their family members, along with Reservists will be authorized general self-directed use of Aberdeen

Proving Ground fitness centers at no fee.

Military, however, will need to purchase a Corporate Fitness Pass if they choose to participate in any structured program at any of the three facilities.

Civilian personnel and contractors must purchase a Corporate Fitness Pass in order to use any of the facilities. The Corporate Fitness Pass includes Health Risk Assessments, Health Promotions Classes and any classes that may be sponsored by the fitness centers. Certified fitness trainers are on staff to conduct these programs.

A state of the art Microfit System will be located in each facility for fitness assessments.

The Hoyle Gym and Fitness Center will become one facility. A door will be placed between the two facilities for easier access.

Fees are \$30 for one month; \$75 for three months; \$125 for six months and \$200 for one year.

For more information, call Gwyn Dolzine, 410-278-

9725/4907.

Intramural golf

Intramural golf began May 13 at Ruggles Golf Course. Starting next week, rounds will be played at Ruggles on Mondays and at Plumb Point on Thursdays.

Women's Golf League begins today

The Morale Welfare and Recreation Women's Golf League kicks off its season today, May 15, at Ruggles Golf Course. Play is every Thursday through Aug. 7.

APG sends competitor to Armed Forces Triathlon

Lt. Jennifer Canon, 5/80th Ordnance Battalion, has been selected to compete in the Armed Forces Triathlon at Naval Base Ventura, Calif., in June.

Start Smart Soccer

Start Smart Soccer is a developmentally appropriate introductory soccer program

for children 3 and 4 years old as of July 31, 2003. The program prepares children for organized soccer in a fun non-threatening environment. Start Smart Soccer prepares children and their parents for organized soccer without the threat of competition or the fear of getting hurt. Parent participation is required. Class is held on Mondays, 6 to 7 p.m. beginning Sept. 8.

Soccer clinic

The APG Soccer clinic is for boys and girls ages 4 and 5. Children must be 4 by July 31, 2003. Practices will be held one day a week and games will be held on Saturdays beginning Sept. 6. The soccer clinic will play 5 vs. 5 with a minimum of seven players per team and a maximum of nine.

Registration in Aberdeen will be held at building 2752, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 2 to 16, by appointment. Call Outreach Services at 410-278-7571 or e-mail Christina.Keithley@usag.apg.army.mil.

In Edgewood registration will be held at building E-1902, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., June 2 to 16.

Volleyball Intramurals

Aberdeen Division Results

May 5
HHC 16th defeated Company B 16th, 21-15, 21-16
1/246th forfeited to USMC
May 7
HHC 16th defeated NCOA, 22-20, 21-13
USMC defeated Company A 16th, 21-13, 21-8
Company C 16th defeated USAF, 21-13, 21-13

Standings

NCOA	13-2
USMC	13-2
HHC 16th	10-5
Company C 16th	8-6
Company B 16th	7-6
1/246th	5-9
USAF	4-10
A Co 16th	3-11
Company E 16th	0-16

Edgewood Division Results

May 5
Company B 143rd forfeited to CHPPM
Company C 143rd forfeited to MRICD
MRICD #2 defeated HHC 143rd, 21-12, 18-21, 15-9
May 7
CHPPM defeated Company B 143rd, 21-6, 21-10
Company A 143rd defeated Company C 143rd, 21-6, 21-5
MRICD #2 defeated MRICD, 21-10, 21-17

Standings

MRICD#2	9-0
MRICD	8-2
CHPPM	7-3
HHC 143rd	4-5
Company B 143rd	1-10
Company A 143rd	3-5
Company C 143rd	0-9



On able shoulders: Women's Army Corps turns 61



Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Chapter 114 displays the first uniform worn by the Women's Army Corps in 1942 at its 61st anniversary celebration May 3. It stands to remind all who served of the distinguished heritage and rich historical connections that transcend time and continue through today.

Story and photo by
Frank S. Palmisano III
Special contributor

The U.S. Army has come a long way in its appreciation and understanding of the fine contributions made by its women soldiers. Names like Jessica Lynch are now being said in the same sentence as any of her historical male counterparts. In fact, women are not only occupying high-ranking positions, but they are also receiving a new found respect that many feel is a long time in coming.

This month marked the 61st anniversary celebration of the founding of the Women's Army Corps. Maryland's Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114 sponsored a celebration at the Four Points Sheraton in Aberdeen on May 3.

Among this year's attendees were representatives from the Harford County Veterans Association, the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, and the Military Officers Association of America.

Wanda Story, Chapter President and Second National Vice President, explained WACVA's beginnings.

"It's all about celebrating the existence and recognition that we were finally recognized by our government and

made part of the military services," Story said.

On May 14, 1946, mothers of WAC members formed an association for the benefit of the Women's Army Corps.

"These mothers felt that their daughters had no one to represent them and felt that their daughters needed something or someone; that we had benefits just like the men did," Story said.

In fact, WACVA actively promotes the induction of mothers into their ranks. It is a symbolic gesture honoring the dedication that many of those first mothers invested in seeing that their daughters were treated fairly.

This year's honored guest speaker was Col. Mardi Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander.

In addressing the group, Mark stated that women served in many important roles as far back as the Revolutionary War.

Now some 91 percent of the current military jobs are open and available to women, a far cry from the days when, dur-

ing the Civil War, women had to impersonate men, taking care not to reveal their true identities, just to participate in the fighting.

In one of the more touching moments of the ceremony, Chapter Vice President Cathy Hampton administered a POW/MIA tribute.

A single table and chair were placed at the front of the room along with a rose, a glass turned on its head, and a dinner plate with a slice of lemon, bread, and salt. Each symbol implied various aspects of that soldier's capture and abduction with a sustained hope in that soldier's return.

While WACVA remembers the contributions of its women-in-arms, it also participates in humanitarian activities by sponsoring aid to veterans both at Perry Point and Baltimore VA Hospitals.

Community relations are upheld by monetary and material donations to many different charitable organizations, including Meals on Wheels, Food Banks and Bears on Patrol.

Through its outreach programs, WACVA is intimately tied to the veteran community, even when a member of that community is sometimes without one to call her own.

"It's not unlikely for us to get a call saying we just had a woman come in off the streets. She has absolutely nothing," Hampton said.

It's a continuing problem, especially when the VA has been slow to recognize the importance of treating the special needs of women.

WACVA has been relatively successful in raising awareness, but it's still a struggle, which Hampton stresses is entrenched in old habits that die hard.

"You have to make room for the women. There may not be many of them, but you can't put them in with the male population," Hampton said about the lack of facilities available for women.

A vital part of WACVA's mission is creating visibility and increasing public awareness of their existence.

Safety

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child safety seat use.

Traffic moving through the entrance gates will not be affected.

"The spot checks will be done in a way that will not disrupt the flow of traffic," Krauer said.

In addition, the use of saturation and fixed patrols during this period will mean an increased number of police patrolling a concentrated area and officers posted at fixed locations such as an intersection or near housing

areas.

As stated by the vice president of the National Safety Council and a retired naval officer, "While the armed forces do everything they can to protect families from the unpredictable threat of terrorism, we must continue to address the most predictable and leading risk our families and the military face every day - traffic crashes."

"APG officers will pursue this campaign with the philosophy of saving lives and encouraging seat belt usage by all, adults and children alike," Krauer said.

Commissary

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percent or more at the commissary can help families living near a commissary," said Kennedy. "But first we need to get the savings message to them."

According to Kennedy, savings for a family of four shopping regularly in a commissary can amount to over \$2,400 per year.

"Commissaries worldwide take the opportunity to give special focus to outreach efforts during Commissary Awareness Month," Kennedy said. "We not only make a special effort to reach Guard and Reserve, but new active duty, spouses and families, and single service members as well. Many stores hold commissary tours with single service members to let them know the com-

missary is not just for those who are married. Single service members often don't realize they can obtain substantial savings in frozen and convenience foods, snacks and beverages and health and beauty products."

Displayed throughout the Aberdeen Commissary are special "salutes to the Military Family" designed by Store Manager Diane Mann.

Military family outreach is also an important element of Commissary Awareness Month. Tyson, Minute Maid, Heinz, Clorox, Kellogg's and Keebler have teamed up for a "Salute to the Military Family" promotion with the National Military Family Association, a volunteer organization devoted to defending military families and their benefits. The special promotion will provide additional savings to commissary customers on name brand products and par-

ticipating manufacturers will donate operating funds to NMFA. In conjunction with the promotion, most commissaries will have limited-edition boxes of "Frosted Flakes" featuring NMFA's 2002 Very Important Patriots. The VIP Program recognizes exceptional military community volunteers.

"Commissaries are an essential benefit and a focal point of the military community," Kennedy said. "We encourage organizations that support military families, singles, Guard and Reserve and retirees to contact your local store director if you want to arrange a group tour, or if you simply want to obtain more information to pass along to those who may not realize the value of their commissary benefit. That's what Commissary Awareness Month is all about."

APGFCU

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The new eligibility expansion will have no impact on current members.

"They [members] will continue to be part of a credit union that grows more vital and responsive every day," Lewis said.

The credit union is already a leading financial institution within the twin county area and donates a portion of its net income every year to local charitable organizations. Most recently, APGFCU made

large contributions to the Arc of Northern Chesapeake, Harford Habitat for Humanity, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford and Cecil counties.

APGFCU has also earned an excellent reputation for its commitment to youth services. Last year alone, APGFCU employees gave over 170 live presentations to local schools on money management and the importance of savings.

"About 16 percent of the credit union's current members are under 18 years old," Lewis said. "The secret to financial literacy is to start

young and continue to educate."

New members can get sign-up details at any APGFCU branch; toll-free at 1-800-225-2555; or on the credit union's Web site, www.APGFCU.com.

APGFCU, a not-for-profit member owned cooperative has been serving communities for over 65 years.

Credit union services are available 24-hours a day, seven days a week via telephone and online access. For information, call APGFCU at 410-272-4000 or visit Web site www.APGFCU.com.

Quilts unfolded illustrate life's transitions

Story and photos by
Eva Mims
Special contributor

Long before the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001, Ruth Golding, an environmental engineer at APG's Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment's Installation Readiness Program, began working on a red, white and blue patriotic quilt. After the attack, finishing the quilt became a rite of thanksgiving for the lives of her sister and brother-in-law, both of whom escaped the horror in the Pentagon that day.

Since the early pioneers brought their quilting skills to the 'new world,' quilts have been used to document history, to share events and family happenings, and, to provide functional bed coverings.

Golding served in the military at Aberdeen Proving Ground from 1974 to 1977 at the U. S. Army Environmental Hygiene Agency (now the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine). A native of Indiana, but raised in Philadelphia, she continues the quilting tradition as a civilian from her home in Elkton. Her dining room table is covered with her newest quilt, nearly finished after two years of work; her walls are adorned with banners and flags from previous holidays and church services, and the spinning wheel in her living room is awash with colors and strands of pastel fabric from her latest project.

"This is not a dying art," she said. "There are so many more people picking up quilting now than ever before."

Golding taught herself the art of quilting, finishing her first quilt — a regular patch quilt made with leftover fabric from sewing projects — at the age of 14. By the time she reached graduate school, she had made six more quilts.

"They usually take a good year to make; some - like the patriotic quilt — take as long as two," Golding said.

A Certified Professional Engineer with a

master's in chemical engineering from the University of Maryland, she has no interest in quilting as a business.

"You put so many hours into it that it's not even worth it," she said.

Instead, Golding, also a licensed minister, sees quilting as a way to attend to her family members.

"I feel like my calling is to minister to my family. I try to love them, accept them, be a friend to them. The quilts are just to bless them," Golding said.

After visiting the famous Kutztown Festival in Kutztown Pa., where she saw hundreds of different types of quilts, Golding now takes classes at the Quilter's Hive in Newark, Dela., to sharpen her skills and learn quicker ways to get her desired results.

Golding's other hobbies include oil painting, pen and ink drawing, sewing, baking and cooking. But quilting remains her first love.

"My idea of the perfect weekend is staying home on an RDO Friday, quilting all day Saturday, going to church on Sunday, then coming home and quilting some more," she said.

While she has no plans to sell her quilts, she would be willing to teach a quilting class on post if there was enough interest, anything to keep the art of quilting alive and well in America.

"Quilting is a part of our American culture. We have such a great heritage that our troops are fighting for right now. The more we can hold onto that which inspires us about our country, the better," Golding said.

For more information on historical and modern quilting in America and other countries, visit the following Web sites:

<http://www.antiquequilt dating.com/>
<http://www.historyofquilts.com/>
<http://www.womenfolk.com/historyofquilts/>
<http://www.kutztownfestival.com/index.shtml>.



Top photo by BOB CROUSE

Ruth Golding, right, and co-worker Paul Harvey display the patriotic quilt she made for survivors of the attack on the Pentagon. Golding adjusts the threads of an intricate quilt on a quilting frame she built, left inset photo. Her many projects include a quilted Preamble to the Declaration of Independence, right inset, and a quilt with the liberty bell as its center, in the foreground.

Children gain hands on experience in chemistry

Story and photo by
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APG News

Volunteers of the Aberdeen Proving Ground's Kids & Chemistry program visited North Harford Elementary School fifth graders to conduct fun and educational science projects Jan. 17, March 14 and April 11.

The group is made up of volunteer scientists and engineers from the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center.

"The entire program is strictly volunteer work with an average of 20 volunteers, pairing at least two per class for a total of three visits," said Suzanne Procell, ECBC chemist.

The visits consisted of a three part series that included the experiments 'Jiggle Jelly,' 'What's in a Color' and 'The Cool Blue Light'.

In 'Jiggle Jelly' students explored the chemical make-up of natural and synthetic polymers through chemical reactions.

For this experiment students were provided with chemistry kits that included safety glasses, a 4-ounce bottle of white glue, food coloring, a teaspoon of borax powder and water.

Students were instructed to mix the ingredients together and gradually add the borax. Once the solution thickened, a glob formed, making slime.

Students were excited to see the process of something formed that they normally purchase already completed.

'What's in a Color,' the second experiment, showed students how to explore the secrets behind color changing markers using the scientific method, chromatography and non-toxic acids and bases.

The kit for this experiment, included strips of paper, a clear plastic cup filled with 1/4 cup



Dylan Hoffman, a fifth grade student at North Harford Elementary School, conducts a Chromatography experiment during the Kids & Chemistry Program conducted by the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center April 11.

of water, a regular marker and a white "color changer" marker.

They were asked to write something with the color-changing marker on a piece of paper, rub the white marker over the writing and from the demonstration, students could see a color change.

Procell offered an explanation of what happened.

"This is really a mixture of several inks. The color changer reacts with some of the inks and makes some colors disappear, change and others it does not affect," Procell said.

'Volunteer instructors conducted the beginning of the final experiment, 'The Cool Blue Light,' for safety purposes. In the dark, instructors broke open three glow lights, green, blue and red, pouring the contents of the tubes into a

clear plastic cup. After all three primary colors of light were combined they produced white light.

Students then did several different experiments to observe a chemiluminescence reaction, one that produces light, and one that studied the effects that temperature and pH have on the reaction rate.

Although the 'The Cool Blue Light' demonstration was the most exciting experiment for the students. Many said they were intrigued by all of the projects and hoped that they could become part of the curriculum.

"This is really cool. I wish we could do this all the time," said Tyler McGrady.

The Kids & Chemistry program was originated by the American Chemical Society, an organization which provides scientists with training and hands-on science activities, encouraging them to share knowledge with children through organized program events and at the same time give them a better appreciation for science while helping them understand how chemistry impacts their everyday lives.

Procell said the idea to share their knowledge with students in the community began after she attended an American Chemical Society seminar that discussed having career days related to science at various schools. As a result she talked with the American Chemical Society, her program director who liked the idea and the science supervisor for the Harford County School district, who was willing to give it a try. From that a partnership was formed.

Scientists and engineers of ECBC formed Aberdeen Proving Ground's Kids & Chemistry program, visiting several schools in Harford County School District twice per year. Procell said they are only able to conduct experiments

for one school in the fall and one school in the spring.

She continued adding it has turned into an excellent program for the community. Unfortunately, she and the other volunteers of ECBC are not able to visit more schools more often.

"Now that we have visited schools in the district, they are spreading the word to other schools we have not had an opportunity to visit," Procell said. "That's good that the word is getting out but bad that we can't visit more schools."

Procell also said that funding comes from donations and they are very limited in resources. She said if they did not receive donations from various organizations, they would not be able to visit the schools and conduct the experiments.

"We have been fortunate to have the Aberdeen and Edgewood Area Thrift shops, the American Chemical Society, Battelle, EAI Corporation, EAOWC Services and Charities, Harford County Public Schools, Innovative Exchange, Inc. and the 'Military and Civilian Spouses' club donate to this organization," Procell said. "With assistance from the local section of the American Chemical Society, we were able to get \$1,000 worth of safety glasses that were specially fitted for kids."

Procell said that the volunteers are professionals in some field relating to science or engineering, adding that most volunteers visit the schools outside of their work day and on their own time.

Anyone interested in volunteering or would like more information can send an e-mail to info@kidsandchemistry.com.

LEAVE DONATION

To participate in the Voluntary Leave Program, use forms OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within

agency); and OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program should contact Ronda McKinney, 410-278-8988, to complete a termination form.

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program

Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)	(parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)	Linda M. D. Queen
Mildred T. Becker (surgery)	Beverly King (caring for husband)	Tess Ramos (lung surgery)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)	William Klein	Michael Reynolds (care of mother)
Robert J. Boonstoppel (surgery) (liver transplant)	Anita L Koller (care for husband)	Cheryl L. Roark
Tammy Budkey	George Kudrna (caring for father)	Teresa L. Shores
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)	Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)	Jorja V. Thomas-Murcia
Sharon Gary (care for family member)	William B. McLean (kidney failure)	Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
Patty Gibson	Calvin E. Peake	Charles Young (kidney and pancreas transplant)
Edgar W. Greer	Karen S Pense	Ludilina O. Valarao (surgery) (brain tumor removed)
Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery)	Mary E. Pettitway	
Melanie A. Hoffman		

For information about donating annual leave, call Ronda McKinney at 410-278-8988 or fax 410-278-7652.

'Salute to the Services' begins May 17

Donna Abbott
Ocean City Public Relations Office

Ocean City, Md., pays tribute to the nation's first responders with the return of "Salute to the Services," a special discount program honoring military, police, EMS and fire personnel. "Salute to the Services" begins May 17 and runs through June 19.

Planned by the Ocean City Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, numerous local businesses including hotels, restaurants, attractions, golf courses and shops will offer discounts during this time period to military, police, EMS and fire personnel showing their credentials. Participating businesses can be found on a new Web site www.salutetotheservices.com, or by calling toll-free 1-800-OC-OCEAN.

The campaign kicks off May 17 with a Red, White and Blue Cruisin' Parade on the three-mile Boardwalk featuring the hot rods and classic

cars of Cruisin' Weekend 2003. The Boardwalk parade will run from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Weekend continues the following weekend when on May 24, all of Ocean City takes time to Salute the Services at noon on the beach. New this year will be the unfurling of the world's largest American flag on the beach at North Division Street at noon.

The Pacific Life Holiday Bowl "Big Flag" will be unfurled by a team of hundreds of volunteers along the beach just steps from the Boardwalk in the vicinity of the Boardwalk Arch at North Division Street.

The flag is the size of a football field and has been featured at the Super Bowl, World Series, the Holiday Bowl and on board the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz. This will be the first time the flag has been unfurled on a beach.

More than 10,000 American flags will be distributed around town, and visitors are asked to step out on the beach

at noon and proudly wave the flag.

The Memorial Weekend Flag Wave celebration is being sponsored by the Ocean City Hotel-Motel-Restaurant Association, Layton's Family Restaurant at 16th Street, Clear Channel Communications and the Town of Ocean City.

During the Salute to the Services, the Ocean City Life Saving Station Museum on the Boardwalk at the Inlet will have a special exhibit saluting the services.

Half-price admission to the museum will be offered to fire-fighters, police officers and military personnel.

On June 14, Ocean City will celebrate Flag Day with a celebration at North Division Street and the Boardwalk beginning at 7 p.m.

Ocean City's Salute to the Services will conclude June 18 with the Maryland State Fire Association's Annual Parade down Baltimore Avenue, which begins at 1 p.m.